

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown below. Please cancel claims 7-8, and 16-17 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:

a receiving device configured to receive an instruction signal instructing to transmit identification information;

a number generating device configured to generate M different random numbers in response to receipt of the instruction signal;

a power generating device configured to generate power for operating the communication apparatus from the instruction signal received by the receiving device;

a clock ~~generating-decoding~~ device configured to ~~generate-decode~~ a clock ~~from~~ contained in the instruction signal received by the receiving device;

a counting device configured to count the ~~generated-decoded~~ clock;

a determination device ~~adapted-configured~~ to determine whether ~~or not~~ the number of clocks counted by the counting device matches one of the M different random numbers generated by the number generating device; and

a transmitting device configured to transmit identification information of the communication apparatus, each time a clock count obtained by the counting device matches one of the numbers generated by the number generating device.

20-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating by a communication apparatus, the method comprising:

a receiving step of receiving an instruction signal for instructing to transmit identification information;

a number generating step of generating M different random numbers in response to receiving of the instruction signal by the receiving device;

a power generating step of generating power for operating the communication apparatus from the instruction signal received in the receiving step;

a clock ~~generating-decoding~~ step of ~~generating-decoding~~ a clock ~~from-contained~~ in the instruction signal received in the receiving step;

a counting step of counting the generated clock;

a determining step of determining whether the number of clocks counted in the counting step matches one of the M different random numbers generated in the number generating step; and

a transmitting step of transmitting identification information of the communication apparatus, each time a clock count obtained in the counting step matches one of the numbers selected in the selecting step.

24-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The communication apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the communication apparatus is a radio tag.